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## Church News

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### VIRGINIA.

**Richmond, Union Theological Seminary:** Rev. James I. Good, D. D., of the Central Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, an eminent minister of the German Reformed Church, gave a lecture copiously illustrated with stereopticon views in the Seminary chapel, Thursday night, on "The Reformers and the Reformation." Dr. Good is saturated with the history of the Reformed Churches and has himself published ten books dealing with various aspects of the subject. He has traveled frequently and extensively in the lands of the Reformation, and has for forty years been collecting the views which he exhibited, many of them exceedingly rare. He was heard by our students and people with great interest.

Rev. Gaston Boyle, of Brazil, a graduate of the Seminary in 1907, was the speaker to the Society of Missionary Inquiry Sunday night. He is an exceptionally pleasing and effective speaker and has been since his student days a great favorite in the Seminary community.

Rev. John Little gave a stereopticon lecture in the Seminary chapel Monday night on "The Work Among the Negroes."

**Richmond, Second Church:** The

Ladies' Missionary Society of St. Paul's Episcopal church invited the ladies of this church to co-operate with them in a stereopticon lecture on Japan, which the Rev. Henry Sloane Coffin, D. D., of Madison Avenue Presbyterian church, of New York city, kindly consented to give for the benefit of missions, the proceeds from the silver offering to be divided among the societies under whose auspices the lecture was given—namely, St. Paul's, Second Presbyterian and Grace-Covenant. The lecture was delivered in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Coffin is unusually well acquainted with conditions in the Orient, having been sent by his Board of Foreign Missions to visit the mission stations in both China and Japan, at which time he secured a number of interesting pictures, some of places seldom visited before by foreigners. Such knowledge of his subject, together with his charm of manner, rendered the occasion one of unusual pleasure and profit to the large audience who were present, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather.

Notice of Dr. Coffin's address before the Huguenot Society on Sabbath evening, February 25, also of his sermon in the morning, appeared in last week's issue of this paper. But as we go to press early Monday morning only brief mention could be made of them. We consequently feel that additional mention should be made both of the interesting and instructive address at night, which was enjoyed by a large congregation, and of the striking sermon on Sabbath morning, which made a deep impression upon the hearers. Dr. Coffin preached all the week at St. Paul's Episcopal church, much to the delight of that congregation.

**—First Church:** Rev. John Little, of Louisville, Ky., preached in this church Sunday night on work among the Negroes. Mr. Little is doing a most excellent work among them in his city.

**—Grace-Covenant Church:** Beginning Wednesday, February 28th, Rev. Dr. R. O. Flynn, of Atlanta, Ga., is assisting the pastor, Rev. Dr. J. Calvin Stewart, in a meeting which it is planned to continue through this week. Dr. Flynn is preaching very able sermons, and the people are showing their appreciation of them by attending in large numbers. On last Sunday night the large church was full, although the people had to go through a pouring rain.

**Richmond Colored Work:** The beginning of the month finds the Sunday-school at Seventeenth Street in a more prosperous condition than ever. The enrollment shows a decided increase, and the attendance during the past month has been excellent, considering the many things that could keep the children from attending. The school takes great pride in its piano and has been making special contributions in order to help pay for it. All the activities of the mission show interesting increases. The preaching services, which are held on Sunday nights, have been unusually well attended. The Junior Endeavor Society is doing fine work, with an enrollment of sixty-four. Under the guidance of the students of the Training School, the sewing classes are fulfilling a real need in a splendid way. The mission needs a day nursery, cooking classes, boys' clubs, and a play-ground. Let us pray that they will soon come.

**Cluster Springs, Spring Hill Church:** A very gracious meeting closed in this church Sunday night, February 25. Rev. R. G. McLees, of Chatham, preached afternoon and night for nearly a week. The well-known Cluster Springs school near by attended in a body, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather and the well-nigh

impassable roads, the community came out in increasing numbers to the end. All the people gladly heard Brother McLees as in all beauty and simplicity, in all earnestness and sincerity, he preached Jesus. Believers received a great spiritual uplift in a clearer vision of the Master and renewed dedication to his service. Nearly every student in the school not enrolled as a Christian openly confessed Christ, while the larger number, as church members, renewed their covenant vows. There were two additions to this church, and others are expected to join in the near future or connect themselves with churches of other denominations.

**Lexington:** The pulpit was occupied Sunday morning, February 25, by Rev. H. Kerr Taylor, son-in-law of the pastor. The sermon was an earnest discourse on "The Value of the Soul." Mr. and Mrs. Taylor left Lexington Tuesday, February 27, and are due to sail from San Francisco Saturday, March 10, for their mission station in China, Tsing-kiang-pu, the home of Mrs. Taylor's uncle, Rev. James R. Graham, Jr. They leave San Francisco at 1 P. M. on the Pacific Mail liner Columbia. At the night service the pastor preached on the text "So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed" (Acts 13:4), treating especially "the divine side" of such a departure as was before these two young missionaries. He emphasized the joyousness of such an occasion, holding it up as a cause for congratulating all concerned in it. At the close of the service many friends took leave of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, and made it an occasion for smiles, as the pastor requested, and not for tears. The whole service was a beautiful exhibition of Christian self-effacement.

**Hampton:** Our church has been greatly favored by the presence of Rev. C. K. Cumming and his wife. He has preached most acceptably for us. Mrs. Cumming will address the Missionary Society, D. V., tomorrow afternoon. He will give us, we hope, several missionary addresses. At present he is suffering with a severe cold and needs a good rest. We are truly glad to welcome them home.

**C. F.**  
**Martinsville, Anderson Memorial:** Rev. William P. McCorkle, pastor of this church, has recently returned from a visit of four weeks to old friends in North Carolina. Both he and his wife had been somewhat run down and their physician advised a period of rest and recuperation. Both returned greatly benefited, and the good people of the church signaled their welcome to the pastor and pastress on their return by a generous pounding. The diaconate of this church has recently been strengthened by the ordination of Messrs. Charles A. Kreger and Thomas Barksdale Redd, which gives us a board of seven active deacons.

**—Pamplin Group, Beale Memorial:** At this church, Sunday, February 24, a gentleman and his wife were received. The wife came by certificate from a sister Presbyterian church, and the husband, who came from the Episcopal Church, presented himself with his wife and was received on his own personal statement in lieu of a certificate, which the Church from which he came does not give to other denominations. This church has suffered sorely in the last five months—we have lost five families by removal—but the faithful little band left behind does not think of giving up. The other churches of the group are doing well under the trying circumstances. We have had lots of sickness, the weather has been very bad, and the roads worse, if possible. Madisonville is to the front, always is. Con-

cord is thinking seriously of inviting Presbytery to meet with them in its fall meeting. Old Buffalo is thinking seriously of repairing and remodeling; and Davis Memorial, at Prospect, is holding her own steadily. A. J. P.

**Buena Vista:** Rev. J. O. Mann, of Tinkling Spring church, is helping the pastor of this church, Rev. Abner C. Hopkins, in a series of protracted meetings.

**Tinkling Spring:** Rev. J. E. Booker, D. D., preached at this church last Sabbath for the pastor, Rev. J. O. Mann, who is assisting in a protracted meeting at Buena Vista.

**Staunton First:** Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., pastor of this church, who was ill with pneumonia during the winter, is now convalescing at Clearwater, Fla., and will take charge of his church the first of April.

The Third Sunday-school Institute of Lexington Presbytery will be held in the Second church, Staunton, Rev. Wm. N. Scott, D. D., pastor, on the 20-21 of March. At the last year's meeting at Waynesboro there were about 450 delegates and a still larger attendance is expected this year. All the churches of the Presbytery are expected to be represented. Among the prominent speakers may be mentioned Rev. Gilbert Glass, D. D., general secretary of Sunday-schools, and Rev. W. L. Lingle, D. D., professor in Union Seminary.

On the following day will be held a Deacons' Conference and Rev. D. P. McGeachy, of Lewisburg, W. Va., and Prof. J. Lewis Howe, of Lexington, will make addresses.

Under the splendid leadership of Rev. Wm. E. Hudson, superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday-school Work of Lexington Presbytery, these institutes and conferences are becoming a power for great good in the Presbytery.

### APPALACHIA.

**Knoxville, Tenn.:** Rev. Dr. LeRoy G. Henderson has tendered his resignation, effective at once, coincident with the end of the fiscal year of the church. He plans to go to his former home in Americus, Ga., where he will take one year of absolute rest for restoration of his physical strength. He says this will enable him to be better prepared for the work of the future, and, at the end of twelve months, he hopes to be better and more efficiently equipped than ever before for the ministerial service. In the meantime, members of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church are loath to give up Dr. Henderson and his estimable family. Pressure is being brought to bear to have him agree to return to the church one year hence. It has been suggested that a "supply" be secured for the interim, and it is stated that the committee on pastor may make such a recommendation. Dr. Henderson has friends in all churches who will hope for a favorable decision on his part as to continuing his residence in this city after his year of retirement from active service.

### ALABAMA.

**Tuscaloosa, First Church,** Rev. Charles M. Boyd, pastor: During the present pastorate of half a dozen years this church has held no bazaars nor given any hot suppers nor any such things for raising funds. Each year a congregational gathering is held at the manse, at which time a free-will offering is made, which goes to the augmentation of the fund for a new building which is being accumulated. The gathering this year, which was held on February 22, was the finest from every standpoint that the congregation has ever held. Aside from putting a neat sum in the building

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